

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT  
APPLICATION**Docket No. 00-5011

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFECTING INSIDE PLANT  
LOAD BALANCING IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**the specification of which [X] is attached hereto. [ ] was filed on  
as Appln. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

And was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification,  
including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application  
in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign  
application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified any foreign  
application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on  
which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

[ ] Yes [ ] No

(Number)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year filed)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 119(e) of any United States provisional  
applications(s) listed below.60/240,242October 13, 2000

(Application Number)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States  
application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is  
not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title  
35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined  
in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the  
prior application and the national or PCT international filing date for this application:

(Appln. Serial No.)

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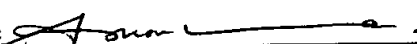
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